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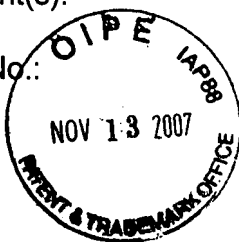
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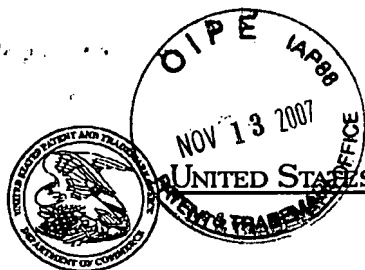
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## Foreign Applications

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The ASSIGNOR,

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**c/o TOWA CO., LTD.**  
**849-1, Aza-Kyuhoji, Oh-Aza-Funatsu,**  
**Komaki-shi Aichi-ken, JAPAN**

has invented certain new and useful improvements in

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an invention which is fully described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States executed by him or her this day; and

The ASSIGNEE, **TOWA CO., LTD.**, a Japanese corporation having its principal office at **849-1, Aza-Kyuhoji, Oh-Aza-Funatsu, Komaki-shi Aichi-ken, JAPAN**, wishes to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and under Letters Patent which may be obtained for this invention.

For valuable and legally sufficient considerations, receipt of which are hereby acknowledged, the Assignor sells, assigns and transfers to Assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest for the United States in and to the above-identified invention and application and for the full term of any Letters Patent of the United States that may issue for the invention.

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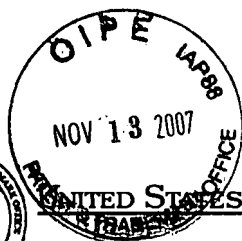
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## NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C 371 AND 37 CFR 1.495

The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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DATE OF RECEIPT OF 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and  
 (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS

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DATE OF COMPLETION OF ALL 35 U.S.C. 371  
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The following items have been received:

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- English Translation of the IA filed on 05/26/2006
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- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 03/16/2007
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